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Subject: EPA Oversight of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Funds

Ms. Peralta:

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 2023 outlining the anticipated EPA oversight activities associated with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. We appreciate the notice and look forward to assisting your efforts. The purpose of this letter is to introduce myself to you in the event that you find that information or data needed for this engagement may be in the possession of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

As the Chief Auditor of the TCEQ, one of my roles is to serve as liaison to auditors of external oversight entities. In that role, I can assist with ensuring that responsive information you require from the TCEQ is provided to your staff in a timely fashion.

As you may already be aware, the Texas Water Development Board is the primary recipient of Clean Water State Revolving Funds and the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, but if you determine that your work would benefit from any information from the TCEQ, I would appreciate it if you would add me as a contact on any audit notifications or requests for information sent to the agency.

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Of course, you may also feel free to contact me by phone (512-239-1322) or e-mail at [HYPERLINK "mailto:mike.hardison@tceq.texas.gov"]. Thank you and I look forward to working with your staff to ensure that they are provided all necessary information to complete their engagement.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Hardison".

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